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DELICIOUS BISCUITS

MARGINAL COLUMN
By NISSIM REJWAN

MR. Dulles' decision to head a U.S. delegation of observers at the ministerial conference of the Baghdad Pact in Ankara later this month has provoked increasingly sharp and angry comments in Cairo and Damascus. As soon as it was made known two weeks ago, the projected trip was branded by Syrian and Egyptian spokesmen as "another American conspiracy" aimed at the independence, sovereignty and very existence of the so-called liberated Arab regimes; and every description of sinister motives has been attributed to it. Commenting on the decision, Khalid el-Azem, Syria's Deputy Premier and Finance Minister, announced last Tuesday that the U.S. Secretary of State's policy was "doomed to failure," adding somewhat gratuitously that the policy of "encircling Syria" will end in defeat, and that his country would go on pursuing her present policy "despite all the attempts being made to make her deviate from it."

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DR. Farid Zein e-Din, Syria's former ambassador to the U.S., has warned that Mr. Dulles' Middle East visit is "liable to have far-reaching results, including the agreement of a number of countries of the region to receive guided missiles." He counselled these countries to "avoid" missiles "if they want to safeguard themselves and maintain peace in the area." In Cairo as in Damascus, the Ankara conference is viewed as altogether "dangerous" because, according to Damascus Radio, it is likely to help Mr. Dulles "formulate a new Middle Eastern policy" — especially since Nuri e-Said will be there, too.

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THE reasons for this deliberate flight into a panic are not very far to seek; the creation of artificial panicky situations and bogeys has been a recognized feature of Arab politics in general and "liberated" Arab methods in particular. These regimes know that in order to be left to pursue their policies in peace they have to give the populace something to think — or worry — about. Until recently it was Palestine. But Palestine has become rather tiring and the trick threadbare — and anyway King Hussein and the Iraqis have been making even better use of it than either Cairo or Damascus. The West, moreover, may still be capable of hitting back, and the Baghdad Pact can prove a useful tool in checking Soviet infiltration in the area — an infiltration, it must be added, whose primary cause was none other than the present regime in Damascus.

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IT thus seems quite natural that even Marshal Bulganin's announcement a week ago that tension in the Middle East had been on the decrease has had no alleviating effect on the strained nerves of Damascus. The Syrians by now must have acquired an adequate understanding of the ways of the present rulers of Russia — far better, at least, than the newspaper correspondent who made quite a stir by asking Bulganin whether the transfer of Marshal Rokossovsky from the Turkish frontier area to Moscow meant that the Turkish-Syrian situation had changed for the better. With the satellization of Syria complete and that of Egypt well under way, with Turkey and the West constantly threatened by a missile war, and with the whole Western alliance thrown into near-confusion by his recent flood of Christmas Cards, what else could the Marshal tell the innocent reporter but that he "understood the matter correctly"? One cannot help admiring Mr. Mikoyan's more spontaneous reaction when he remarked sarcastically: "What a good understanding he has of affairs."

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MEANWHILE, Cairo and Damascus still thrive on their Positive Neutralism. A Syrian mission has returned from Prague after arranging for a $170m. loan from Czechoslovakia, even as an impressive Egyptian mission, headed by the Minister of Economics, was in Moscow negotiating the final details of the Soviet loan to Egypt. The great noise being made in the two capitals about Mr. Dulles' trip to Ankara reminds one of nothing more profound than the old Arabic saying: "He beats me and cries, Woe!"

Jerusalem, January 12.

Kisselev Leaves For Yemen With 11 Aid Experts

The Soviet Ambassador to Egypt, Mr. Evgeny Kisselev, left by plane yesterday for the Yemen, via Khartoum, Reuter reported.

Mr. Kisselev was accompanied by 11 Soviet experts covering all fields of economy and industry who will have detailed talks with Yemeni officials, informed sources said.

The trip was kept secret until the last moment and the Ambassador and experts were "well guarded." Soviet sources said the experts would examine the possibility of extending Soviet aid to the Yemen on the lines of aid granted to Syria and Egypt.

Russian experts will arrive this month in Syria to begin implementation of the development projects under agreements with Russia and Czechoslovakia, the Arab News Agency reported from Damascus yesterday.

It quoted Hassan Kabara, head of the Syrian economic delegation which recently returned from Moscow and Prague, for this information.

Nuri May Lead Iraqis at Ankara

The Iraqi ex-Premier, Nuri Said, will head the Iraqi delegation to the January 27 meeting in Ankara of the Baghdad Pact Council, according to Damascus Radio last night. There was no confirmation of this from any other source.

Meanwhile, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, arrived in Baghdad yesterday on a two-day visit. He was received by the Iraqi Chief of Staff, Gen. Rafik Aref, and later by Premier Mirjan, Reuter reported.

On Monday, he leaves by air for Teheran and then goes on to Pakistan, India, Ethiopia, and Ankara, where he will lead a U.S. delegation to the forthcoming meeting of the Baghdad Pact Military Committee which precedes the Council meeting which is to be attended by Secretary of State Dulles.

Bevan: Guarantee Israel's Borders

By GERDA L. COHEN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — The great powers should guarantee Israel's frontiers, Mr. Aneurin Bevan urged on Thursday night in B.B.C.'s spontaneous interview linking up London, Munich, New York and Moscow.

Answering questions on how to ensure Middle East stability, Mr. Bevan said it would be impossible to achieve peace until Israel's enemies are prevented from trying radically to change the frontiers, or exterminate the State.

Replying to the New York correspondent's doubts whether Russia would endorse such a guarantee, Mr. Bevan recalled that the Soviet Union had asked the West to halt arms supplies to the Middle East. He thought that Russia would follow a Western initiative.

Mr. Bevan advocated a total British embargo on arms to the Middle East.

U.K. Labour Spokesman 'Understands' Syria

AMMAN, Saturday (Reuter). — British Labour Member of Parliament George Brown today joined the British parliamentary delegation which is visiting Jordan.

Mr. Brown, who last week visited Turkey, the Lebanon and Egypt, and had a meeting with Abdul Nasser, called today on Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Samir Rifa'i and had a discussion on matters of common interest to Jordan and Britain, it was stated. He also called on King Hussein.

After conferring with the Syrian Foreign Minister, Salah Bitar, Mr. Brown, who is his party's spokesman on defence matters, told a press conference in Damascus yesterday that opinion in Britain about Syria and Egypt "does not comply with existing facts."

He said there should be no difficulties in establishing good relations between Britain and Arab countries which followed Syria's foreign policy. Although he himself did not believe in a policy of neutralism, he said he could understand Syria's wish to remain neutral.

SPACEMAN TOLD TO HURRY

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Saturday (UP). — Public information officials at the School of Aviation Medicine said today word has come "from Washington" to speed up preparations for testing a man in a simulated space cabin.

Present date for placing airman 1/C. Donald Farrell, 22, in the closet-sized cabin is February 15. Officials at Randolph Air Force Base, where the school is located, gave no reason for the hurry-up order.

Farrell will spend seven days in the cabin in an almost stationary position, with a suit of underwear, a flight suit, food and paper and pencil.

Farrell said, "I imagine boredom will be the biggest problem I'll have to combat." Farrell, who normally smokes a pack of cigarettes a day, will have to do without them during his stay in the pressurized cabin, designed to simulate conditions of space travel.

Successful Firing Of Fourth U.S. ICBM

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Saturday (Reuter). — An Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile was fired from here yesterday. In Washington, the Defence Department said the test was "successful."

The Atlas, fourth to be launched in the current ICBM tests, is designed to travel 5,500 miles with a hydrogen warhead. But yesterday's test was expected to be over a range of only 600 miles. The rocket was believed to have curved over to the south-east shortly after disappearing from sight.

Oxygen from the Sea

The U.S. Navy is developing a machine to make oxygen from sea water which will permit nuclear submarines to stay submerged "almost indefinitely," according to Rear-Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, the Navy's top nuclear expert.

His disclosure, released today, was contained in testimony before the Senate Preparedness Sub-Committee given last Monday. One of the Navy's nuclear submarines had remained submerged for 15 days, and he knew of no reason why they could not stay submerged even longer, he said.

BEEPS—BUT NOT FROM A SPUTNIK

LONDON, Saturday. — An idling Russian teleprinter circuit caused mysterious radio beeps on the "Sputnik frequencies" in different parts of the world today, and led to speculation that the Soviet Union may have launched a third space satellite, or even a rocket to the moon.

A spokesman at the B.B.C. receiving station said engineers identified the strange signals as an idling teleprinter and that they could not have come from a Sputnik because the intensity had remained unvaried and had not died away after a time.

The Swedish Enkoping Radio agreed with the British, and later said that the signals were now being followed by straight Russian textual matter. *(Reuter, UP)*

First Oil from Sahara At Mediterranean Port

ALGIERS, Saturday (Reuter). — The first load of Sahara oil today reached the Mediterranean terminal port of Philippeville.

The oil arrived under heavy escort in four wagons hitched to a goods train. French planes ceaselessly patrolled the 410 kms. from Touggourt to Philippeville until last night. Troops and motorized units fanned out along the line from armed posts built every 10 kms. along the track.

France expects to receive 10 million tons of Sahara oil a year by 1960, about a third of her estimated consumption at that date.

116 Rebels Killed In Algerian Clash

ALGIERS, Saturday (Reuter). French troops killed 116 insurgents in a fierce action near Ain Beida, south of Constantine in Eastern Algeria, French authorities reported today.

Maurer Succeeds Groza As Rumanian President

VIENNA, Saturday (Reuter). — The Rumanian National Assembly today elected Foreign Minister Gheorghe Maurer President of its Presidium, which corresponds to the post of President of the Republic. He succeeds Petru Groza who died last week and was buried yesterday with full military honours.

According to Bucharest Radio, Mr. Maurer was nominated by Mr. Gheorgiu Dej, the Communist Party chief.

Observers in Vienna were surprised by the choice of Mr. Maurer, who is of German origin. He joined the Communist Party in 1948 and was appointed Foreign Minister last July. He is a member of the Rumanian Academy of Science.

Israel Rejects Budapest Claim Against Envoys

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Foreign Ministry has rejected a protest of the Hungarian Government which alleged that the Israel Legation in Budapest had given instructions for the forging of Hungarian passports.

A Hungarian Foreign Ministry spokesman told a press conference in Budapest on Thursday, according to Reuter, that members of the Israel Legation had given large sums of money to foreign citizens and "regular illegal financial support to some Hungarian citizens."

A protest was delivered to the Israel Foreign Ministry recently, and the rejection was sent last week.

In October, 1957, the Hungarian Government ordered the Legation to cut its staff in half (from six to three) shortly after the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem refused to interfere with the trial of Zoltan Greguss, an Hungarian actor accused of committing an indecent act on a young girl. The actor was later acquitted.

Agreement on Trade With Ghana Reached

The representatives of the Ghanian Ministry of Trade and Industry currently touring the country have reached agreement with the Israel authorities on general principles regarding expansion of trade between the two countries. Certain matters have been left open for clearance between the governments prior to the signing of a formal trade agreement in Accra, the Ministry of Commerce announced last night in Jerusalem.

The Ghanian delegation was led by Mr. Riberio Ayeh, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Trade and Industry in Accra. He was assisted by Mr. De Unger, Legal Adviser to the Ministry.

Mr. Ayeh addressed the Commercial and Industrial Club in Tel Aviv on Friday.

The two men are to return home today (Sunday).

Israel Observer To Strasbourg

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — Mr. Maurice Fischer, former Minister to Turkey, left yesterday for Strasbourg, where he is to represent Israel as an observer at the sessions of the European Council.

Mr. Fischer will be joined next week by a delegation consisting of Mr. P. Bernstein, M.K. Mr. D. Lifschitz, M.K., and Mr. M. Bartur, Director of the Economic Division of the Foreign Ministry.

Pineau Plans London Talks with Lloyd

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Christian Pineau will go to London next Friday for "a personal visit" to Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Ministry has announced.

The two Ministers are expected to take the opportunity of discussing developments since December's NATO conference, including the latest Bulganin proposal for an East-West summit meeting, and negotiations for a free trade area linking the six-nation European Common Market with Britain and other members of the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC).

Sweden to Increase Troops in UNEF

STOCKHOLM, Saturday (Reuter). — Sweden may send more troops to the Gaza Strip to fill the gap in UNEF created by the withdrawal of Finnish troops.

Sweden and the U.N. are negotiating now, and it is expected that the Swedish contingent, which numbers 375, will be increased to 915.

ERIC JOHNSTON

Johnston to Guide U.S. Aid Publicity

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower today appointed Mr. Eric Johnston, President of the Motion Picture Association of America, to head a campaign to secure better public relations for U.S. foreign aid programmes.

Mr. Johnston said he would shortly call a conference of 600 to 700 leaders from many walks of life to discuss his plans.

Mr. Johnston previously served the Administration as President Eisenhower's special representative in the Middle East, where his name has been associated with Jordan Valley regional development.

More Assistance For Jordan, Dulles Says

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). — U.S. aid to Middle East nations would continue along the lines worked out by Special Ambassador James Richards last year, but will be increased in "certain situations where somewhat more aid is called for," as in the case of Jordan.

Mr. Dulles made this statement at his press conference yesterday in reply to a question as to whether the State Department was contemplating any expansion in present aid programmes to offset recent Russian announcements for increased economic aid.

Mr. Dulles said, "We are carrying on in the Middle East along the general lines that were laid out last year when Ambassador Richards went to the area and mapped out certain programmes supporting the Eisenhower Doctrine."

Hammarskjold To London This Week

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (Reuter). — Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold is to fly to London next week for talks with Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, it was announced today.

A spokesman said Mr. Hammarskjold would leave New York on Wednesday and meet Mr. Lloyd on Thursday, planning to return to New York on Friday.

According to an official statement, the visit will give an opportunity for a "general review and an exchange of views on U.N. affairs."

URRUTIA IN AMMAN

AMMAN, Saturday (Reuter). — Dr. Francisco Urrutia, special U.N. Envoy appointed to supervise the Mount Scopus Agreement, arrived today from Jerusalem and had talks with Foreign Minister Samir Rifa'i.

SUKARNO DUE IN CAIRO TODAY

President Sukarno of Indonesia will arrive in Cairo for a state visit this afternoon from India. The Indonesian leader, now on a tour, will go on to Belgrade.

A report from Damascus said that Dr. Sukarno has accepted the invitation of President Kuwatly to visit Syria, and will arrive in Damascus on January 19.

In Jakarta, Premier Djuanda said yesterday that Indonesia would be able to build iron and steel plants with a £35m. Soviet loan which has already been approved by the Government and awaits ratification by Parliament.

(Cairo Radio, UP, Reuter)

Rayon Plants Closing Today

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The production of rayon will stop tomorrow in all 16 plants associated with the Manufacturers Association because stocks of yarn have run out, it was learned tonight. The shutdown will affect some 500 employees.

Meanwhile, a special committee comprising the Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Peretz Naftali, and the Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce, M. Y. Gluckman, is trying to get the factories working again. It met yesterday with representatives of the Manufacturers Association, who complained of the "excessive taxes" to which the industry has been subjected, namely the 30 per cent purchase tax and the 20 per cent "export drive" levy.

The committee will submit its report by Friday.

Since customs duty was raised on rayon yarn in August, the manufacturers have not released stock from the port. Production was made possible over the past few weeks by pooled stocks of raw material.

Employees will be given one week holiday pay.

Ike to Reject Bulganin's Call, Urge Disarmament Conference

Soviet Note Includes Call To Lessen Mid-East Tension

LONDON, Saturday. — The annex to the latest letter of the Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, to the U.S., Britain, France and 16 other countries on Thursday, renewing the call for a top East-West meeting in two to three months' time, has a nine-point agenda including a call for steps to reduce Middle East tension.

The text makes it clear that the Soviet Government is not at present prepared to take part in the work of the U.N. Disarmament Commission, expanded recently from 11 to 25 members.

In Paris, NATO delegates yesterday decided that the Western powers would be prepared to hold talks with the Soviet Union provided there are "thorough preparations" beforehand.

- Proposal for a two-to-three-year suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests and other aspects of disarmament.
- Pledge to renounce the use of atomic and hydrogen weapons.
- Polish plan for an atom-free zone in central Europe.
- Conclusion of an East-West non-aggression pact.
- Reduction in forces stationed in Germany and in the territory of member states of the Warsaw Pact and NATO.
- Proposal for an 800-km. zone in central Europe for aerial reconnaissance and photography, and for establishment of control posts at railway junctions, ports and trunk roads to guard against surprise attack.
- Expansion of international trade.
- Prevention of "war propaganda."
- Steps to reduce Middle East tension.

Syrian Emergency

Listing measures said to have been taken by the Soviet Government to ease international tension, Marshal Bulganin said that Russia had "cancelled measures that had been taken during the recent serious aggravation of the situation around Syria.

"No one compelled the Soviet Union to do this — nor could they — and in doing this, we were guided exclusively by the desire to remove the dangerous situation which arises from time to time in the Middle East area through no fault of the Soviet Union."

The note said the "present international situation is characterized by a continuation of the cold war, an accelerated armament race and a direct threat to universal peace and the fate of all mankind..."

"On the other hand," it added, there has been a "gigantic increase of the peoples fighting for peace and security."

"The conference might discuss above all," it added, "questions whose solution corresponds to the most ardent wishes of the peoples, and could be important initiative toward a fundamental change in the international situation and the cessation of the cold war."

"As regards the proposal for a conference at Foreign Ministers level," it said, "the Soviet Government's proposal says that there exists no certainty that these negotiations would lead to positive results." Turning to the question of German reunification, the note said the ending of the cold war and the expansion of international cooperation "would undoubtedly favour a solution of the German question by rapprochement between the two sovereign German states..."

The note concluded that Russia "has unilaterally cut its forces by nearly two million men from a desire to contribute in every way to the consolidation of peace and the creation of confidence among nations." It hoped that the U.S., Britain and France "will take steps to curtail their forces and make a definite contribution toward consolidating a really universal peace."

Dad Shah, Persian Bandit, Killed

TEHERAN, Saturday (Reuter). — Persian bandit Dad Shah, whose gang ambushed and murdered an American woman, two American aid officials and two Persians last year, was killed today in a clash with Persian gendarmes, it was officialy announced.

The announcement followed a report in the evening newspaper "Keihan" that the gendarmes caught up with the Dad Shah gang in the Baluchistan desert and fought a pitched battle which cost the two sides 10 lives.

Gromyko: We Should Treat with Vatican

MOSCOW, Saturday (UP). — Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko suggested in a conversation revealed today that Russia and the Vatican should establish diplomatic relations in the interests of peace and disarmament. Mr. Gromyko was quoted on the proposal by a delegation of left-wing Italian parliamentarians who conferred with him yesterday.

"There is a good basis for contact with the Vatican," Mr. Gromyko said "On the problems of peace there is a substantial agreement between us, as well as on the questions of disarmament and prohibition of atomic weapons."

Soviet Rocket Bases In Albania, Greeks Say

ATHENS, Saturday (Reuter). —The newspaper "Eleftheria" today quoted Greek military quarters as saying that 3,000 Soviet specialists are manning rocket bases in Albania.

The report said military quarters had been aware for a long time of the presence of such bases on Albanian territory.

London military quarters have speculated following the forcing down of a British cargo plane and a U.S. Air Force training jet last week that Albanian nervousness over the flying of foreign planes may be over the location of Soviet missile bases in that country.

Heavy Terms For Hungarian Priests

BUDAPEST, Saturday (Reuter). — Father Egon Turesanyi, former secretary to Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment for "counter-revolutionary" activities during the Hungarian uprising, it was reported unofficially here.

Thirteen other Roman Catholic priests and theology students and one layman, who faced similar charges before the municipal court, received sentences of up to 10 years, the report said.

Father Turcsanyi, who is 65, is alleged to have organized a raid on the State Office for Church Affairs during the rising when documents were said to have been seized and burned.

FAISAL ON CRUISE WITH FIANCEE

King Faisal of Iraq left Basra yesterday on a two-day cruise of the Persian Gulf with his fiancee, Princess Fadila, aboard the royal yacht. He is accompanied by his uncle, Crown Prince Abdul Illah, the Arab News Agency reported.

Quick Summit 'Harmful'

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — President Eisenhower is sending an urgent new plea to Premier Nikolai Bulganin to stop talking about a quick summit conference and begin work forthwith on lower-level "peace-through-disarmament" talks, it was learned today.

His plea, Administration officials said, is the heart of a letter being dispatched to Marshal Bulganin now, for delivery "within hours."

The President's letter leaves the door open for summit level talks with Russian leaders later this year if there is any sign on disarmament, German unification, or other problems that such a meeting would produce real progress in easing the cold war. But the President is warning that a quick summit meeting within "two or three months," as urged by the Russians, might do more "harm than good."

Careful preparations must be made at a lower level before any summit conference is called, according to the letter. This amounts to a reaffirmation of the cautious Dulles approach which has been under heavy criticism in Western Europe.

Opposes Bulganin

In his letter, informants said, the President is registering opposition to Marshal Bulganin's repeated bids for an "immediate" ending of H-bomb tests, a "de-nuclearized" zone through the heart of Europe, and an East-West non-aggression pact. Instead, the President is calling for rapid action in the new, Soviet-boycotted U.N. Disarmament Commission or an attempt to break the disarmament deadlock through a big power Foreign Ministers meeting.

Mr. Eisenhower's carefully-worded "No, not now" answer on a summit meeting and a parallel new effort on disarmament have the stamp of approval of America's allies in Europe, informants said. The NATO allies also received letters from Marshal Bulganin in early December, and again only two days ago while the President was delivering his State of the Union message to Congress.

Speedy delivery to Moscow of Mr. Eisenhower's letter amounts to a rebuff of Bulganin's second letter, which was received here only on Thursday. This second letter is being acknowledged but the President is primarily answering the December letter.

Preparation Needed

British and American opinion appeared today to have crystallised against the Soviet proposal.

In the past 24 hours, the British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, and the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, have come out against such a meeting without "adequate preparation."

Mr. Macmillan, who is visiting India, today told a press conference in New Delhi that a Foreign Ministers' meeting would have to precede summit talks and that this itself could take place only after diplomatic preparation.

Mr. Dulles told a press conference that he did not think the saftey and vital interests of the U.S. should depend on a mere Soviet promise.

There must be adequate preparation and a reasonable assurance of desirable results before a summit conference could take place, He said he believed that, despite the negative Soviet attitude following the NATO summit talks, it is likely that new disarmament talks would be held.

Russia had broken lines of communication on disarmament in the U.N., but he thought that pressure would be irresistible and that talks would take place.

(Reuter, UP)

Nehru Praises Macmillan Offer

NEW DELHI, Saturday. — Premier Nehru last night lauded Mr. Harold Macmillan for the British Prime Minister's proposal for a non-aggression pact between the West and Russia, and expressed hope that such a treaty would become a reality.

Mr. Nehru pointed out that "a psychological moment appears to have come when the world expects a big step towards a peaceful solution of international problems. Although the result may not come suddenly, moves in that direction are urgent."

Mr. Macmillan was given a big welcome by nearly 10,000 persons on the lawn of the Red Fort. Today he conferred with Finance Minister Krishna Machari on British measures to protect sterling. Defence Minister Krishna Menon conferred for half an hour with Mr. Macmillan who leaves tomorrow for Karachi to continue his five-week Commonwealth tour.

In Bangalore, Premier Viliam Siroki of Czechoslovakia said that he was confident an agreement would be included on Mr. Macmillan's suggestion for a non-aggression treaty. The Premier, now on a 12-day visit, denied Mr. Macmillan's accusation that both Russia and Czechoslovakia harboured aggressive intensions. *(Reuter, UP)*

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Social & Personal

The President's Standard was lowered to half mast on Friday on the occasion of the funeral of the late Dr. Petru Groza, President of Rumania. President Ben-Zvi also sent his Military Aide to sign the Book of Condolence at the Rumanian Legation.

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The President on Friday received the Italian Ambassador, Mr. Benedetto Capomazza, Marchese di Campolattaro. On Friday, Mrs. Ben-Zvi received the wife of the Polish Minister to Israel, Mme. Antoni Bida.

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The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, on Friday received Messrs. J. Sanslbar and P Shulman.

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The Italian Senators currently touring the country, Mr. Achille Marazzi and Mr. Salvatore Aldisio, were the guests of the Histadrut Executive on Friday, meeting Mr. Reuven Barkatt, head of the Histadrut Political Department. The two Senators also addressed a meeting of the Israel-Italy Friendship League on Friday.

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A reception on the occasion of the publication by Massada of the Hebrew works of the late Haim Greenberg, entitled "Ein Ro'i," was held on Friday night at Beit Taberi, Tel Aviv, under the auspices of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Workers' Council.

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A lecture on "General Features of American Culture" will be delivered tomorrow at 8.30 p.m. at Beit Hahalutzot, Jerusalem, by Prof. L. A. Sanchez, of the University of San Marcos (Lima), under the auspices of the Faculty of Humanities of the Hebrew University and the Institute for Cultural Relations Israel-Ibero-America.

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Mr. Fitzhugh Green, Director of the U.S Information Service in Israel, will address the Nahariya Rotary Club today, at 8.30 p.m.

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Mr. H. Friedlander, director of the Brandeis Centre Press in Jerusalem, will deliver a series of five lectures on the "Origins of Writing" on successive Tuesday evenings at the Technical Club at 59 Rehov Eilat, Tel Aviv. The first lecture will be given this coming Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

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The theatrical group of the Central Command gave the premiere performance of their new programme "The Right Man in the Right Place" at ZOA House on Thursday night. Among those present were the acting Chief-of-Staff, Aluf Meir Amit, and the commanders of the Northern, Central and Southern Commands.

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Mrs. Polly Van Leer requests that the friends of the family refrain from paying condolence visits on the occasion of the death of her husband, Bernard Van Leer.

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BIRTH AND BRIT-MILAH

ZEEVI — To Galila (née Behar) and Shimshon Zeevi, Jerusalem, on Wednesday, January 8, 1958 — a son. First grandchild to Mr. and Mrs. Shmuel Behar. The Brit-Milah will take place at the Hadassah Hospital, at 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 15, 1958.

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MARRIAGE

GODSON — PERLMANN

Mr. Joseph Godson of New York, First Secretary and Labour Attaché of the United States Embassy, London, and Miss Ruth Perlmann of Tel Aviv, former Secretary to the Israel Ambassador in London, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. Perlmann, were married on January 10 and gave a reception at the United States Embassy in London the following day.

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ORNA: Boy on a Dolphin.
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MIGDALOR: It's Great To Be Young.
MOGRABI: Desk Set.
OPHIR: The Last Time I Saw Paris.
ORION: Sissi.
PEER: The Wedding Party.
SHDEROT: East of Eden.
TAMAR: Club de Femmes.
TCHELET: The Great Man.
TEL AVIV: A Hatful of Rain.
YARON: Jump Into Hell.
ZAMIR: Paris Canaille.
ZAFON: A King in New York.

HAIFA

ORION: Man of A Thousand Faces.
ATZMON: The Opposite Sex.
MORIAH: Sincerely Yours.
PEER: Hollywood or Bust.
ARMON: The Balley of Romeo and Juliet.
EN DOR: Between Heaven and Hell.
ORLY: Papa, Maman, Ma Femme et Moi.
AMPHITHEATRE: Island in the Sun.
ORAH: Jeanne Eagels.
GAL OR: Men In War.
MAY: The Man Who Knew Too Much.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post January 12, 1958

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court Of Justice

Before the Deputy President (Justice Cheshin), Justices Sussman and Landau.

Mina Klams (0079) v. Tel Aviv Local Town Planning Commission (H.C. 75/57).

Expropriation Must Be Completed Within "Reasonable Time"

The High Court discharged an order nisi calling upon the Tel Aviv Local Town Planning Commission to show cause why they should not complete the expropriation of the petitioner's property or release it by cancelling the expropriation order.

In 1952, a notice published in the official gazette announced that certain lands beyond the Yarkon River had been earmarked for public purposes in accordance with an outline town planning scheme. To this day the actual expropriation orders have not been issued, the Town Planning Commission has not taken over the lands and no compensation has been paid to the landowners who, with the prospect of expropriation hanging over them like the sword of Damocles, are compelled to go on paying taxes on their properties without being able to enjoy the full use of them.

Mina Klams, one of the landowners, appealed to the Local Town Planning Commission to "unfreeze" her land, either by completing the expropriation and paying her compensation or by excluding her land from the outline scheme, explaining that in the circumstances she could get no one to buy her property, could not build on it herself and was called upon to pay heavy taxes on it.

On receiving no response whatsoever to her plea, she petitioned the High Court and was granted an order nisi.

On the return day, Mr. I. Harari appeared for the petitioner, and Mr. Silbiger, assisted by Mrs. Dinal, for the respondents.

Judgment

Justice Sussman, who delivered the main judgment of the High Court, Justice Landau concurring, dismissed at the outset the petitioner's argument that "expropriation" of her property had already taken place, holding that while there was no doubt that the petitioner had been adversely affected by the respondents' intention to expropriate her property, there was no "expropriation" in fact as long as she remained the owner of the property and retained actual possession of it.

Turning to the question of compensation, Justice Sussman said that the Town Planning Ordinance provided for compensation in two cases only: when the expropriation has been carried out in accordance with the law in force concerning expropriation for public purposes (that is the Land (Acquisition for Public Purposes) Ordinance, 1943) or when the property has been injuriously affected by the town planning scheme otherwise than by the expropriation thereof (sections 25 and 34). The petitioner could not benefit from the first provision since her property had not as yet been expropriated; nor could she benefit from the second provision as, even if it were to be presumed that such particular injury as is specified in the Ordinance had been done to her property, she had not filed a claim within six months, as required by the Ordinance.

And, in any case, he continued, even if there had been actual "expropriation," the High Court could not come to the petitioner's aid since it had no jurisdiction to decide on the amount of compensation payable for expropriated property.

Justice Sussman then discussed the argument that the respondents should either complete the expropriation process or else "unfreeze" her property. Unlike the English law, he concluded, there is no provision whatsoever in either the Town Planning Ordinance or the Land Acquisition Ordinance limiting the time within which the competent authority must complete the expropriation process or else regard the property ear-marked for expropriation as being outside the scope of the original plan.

Reasonable Time

The next question to be considered, therefore, he continued, is whether in the absence of any provision in the law, the competent authorities should at least be required to complete the process within a reasonable time.

After considering two English judgments on the question (Thicknesse v. The Lancaster Canal Co., 150 E.R. 1515 and Grice v. Dudley Corporation, 1957, 3 W.L.R. 314) Justice Sussman came to the conclusion that, while the good of the community demands that a landowner must sometimes suffer the restrictions associated with proper town planning, justice demands that his rights should not be injuriously affected indefinitely. Justice Sussman was of the opinion, therefore, that at a reasonable time after the approval of a town planning scheme, the landowner should be entitled to demand that the town planning authorities decide whether they still intend carrying out the scheme and what the chances are of its early execution; and after a longer period of time, if the scheme has not been executed, it should be incumbent upon the authorities to exclude the land originally earmarked for expropriation from the scheme.

As to what is a reasonable time, the petitioner's Counsel had argued that because of the heavy burden of taxation in Israel, this should be less than the 12 years specified in the English Town and Country Planning Act. This might possibly be so, Justice Sussman said, and undoubtedly the authorities should take the question of taxation into account, while at the same time taking guidance from the period stipulated in the English law.

But he could not agree that the time had already come to cancel the earmarking, and this for the following reasons: first, because the respondents had explained that they were executing the scheme gradually — a perfectly valid explanation; secondly, because the circumstances of the cause, particularly with regard to the amount of tax payable by the petitioner, had not been made sufficiently clear to the court; and thirdly, because the annulment of a lawfully approved scheme, or its modification — which would be necessary if the petitioner's land were to be excluded from it — is not a matter for the respondents but for the District Town Planning Commission, which is not a respondent in the present case and to whom, as far as he was aware, the petitioner had never addressed her complaints.

Justice Cheshin

Justice Cheshin reluctantly agreed that the order nisi should be discharged, but criticised the respondents sharply for the delay in executing the town planning scheme. He saw in this, he said, a source of severe injury both to the rights of the citizen and to the welfare of the community as a whole. For the citizen could make no use of his land while the threat of expropriation hung over him, and the accommodation-hungry public was deprived of additional dwelling space or of any other advantage accruing from the appropriate exploitation of the land. While he was perfectly in accord with the view that public welfare demanded that the private individual should exercise patience and not push his claims too urgently, there is however a limit even to patience. It is eminently desirable, therefore, that the Knesset give its attention to the matter and restrict the period during which the competent authority may allow projected expropriation to remain unexecuted.

His colleagues, Justice Cheshin continued, were of the opinion that in the present case not sufficient time had elapsed since the outline scheme had been approved to warrant its annulment or modification in the petitioner's favour and, in this, he did not wish to disagree with them. But he certainly did not think that either the court, or the Knesset when it comes to correct the present situation, should use the time limit fixed in other countries as a yardstick. The period of 12 years — as in England — was, in his opinion, too long for so small a country as Israel where every bit of land is too precious.

Order nisi discharged without costs.

Judgment given on December 27, 1957.

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Soviet Paper Alleges Scrolls Disprove Bible

MOSCOW, Saturday (UP).— The official Communist Youth organ "Komsomolskaya Pravda" said on Thursday that the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947 offered "conclusive proof" of the mythical character of Moses and Jesus.

The newspaper said: "The scrolls, written in the first and second centuries of the pre-Christian period, enabled scholars to conclude that the image of the 'Divine Messenger' existed among the Essenes long before the New Testament describes the birth of the mythical Christ.

"The principal traits of Jesus were consequently developed by the appearance of Christianity."

The newspaper described the New Testament as "a new variant of old fables."

"Komsomolskaya Pravda" added: "The Dead Sea Scrolls predated the Bible by no less than 1,000 years.

"This enables the list of contradictions and absurdities to be recognized in the holy writ," said the newspaper. "The contradictions are so numerous that they evoked smiles of educated people even in the Middle Ages."

The newspaper's conclusion was:

"Religion lost all its foundation in our country, where only the unpleasant memories remain of the exploiting classes. However, some part of our population retains faith in the holiness of the Bible. But the new scientific discoveries dealt a crushing blow to these backward views."

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

822, 249, 33.3 & 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.35, 7.00 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00 9.00, 11.00 p.m. English: 1.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

6.30 Service. 6.37 Callisthenics. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning Melodies. 7.58 News Summary. 8.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. Lunchtime Music—Soloists: The King Sisters (Vocalists). 12.30 Woman's Corner. 12.45 Light Classical Music: Violin Concerto in G (Haydn); Divertiments in F. for Wind Instruments, K 253 (Mozart). 1.20 Messages to Immigrants. 2.15 Close Down.

4.00 News Summaries in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 "Perpetuum Mobile." 5.30 Youth Corner. 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Popular Tunes and Songs. 6.30 "My Most Interesting Meeting" — by Meir Grossman. 6.40 Oriental Songs. 7.15 E. Rintaler at the Piano. 7.35 From the Sports Field. 8.00 Light Music. 8.20 "Round Table" 8.55 Bible Reading: Psalms Chap. 18. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Concert by I.P.O. — Conductor: Paul Kletzki — Symphony No. 3 in E-Flat-major "Eroica" op. 55 (Beethoven). 10.30 The Modern Man's World. 11.15 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

422, 460, 191.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Music for Sunday. 6.50 Tunes by Johnny Green. 7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Rumanian. 8.15 Hungarian. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Interval. 9.15 Hebrew Lesson. 9.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 9.45 Polish. 10.00 News in English. 10.15 Close Down.

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Arabic Programme (including News): 7.00-7.45 a.m. 2.15-3.15 & 5.30-9.45 3.15-4.00 Service Broadcast from Baptist Church, Jerusalem.

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French Improvement On Radio Transistor

PARIS Saturday (Reuter).— The French Post Office has announced development of a new radio valve called the Tecnetron, the size of a matchbox, which is said to be "a substantial improvement on the American-invented transistor."

The transistor — effective only in low frequency ranges — could not be used effectively for television, teleguided missiles or telecommunications. But the tecnetron uses frequencies up to 1,000 megacycles, giving it unlimited scope in these fields.

The tecnetron was perfected by a 53-year-old Polish-born post office research worker, Stanislas Teszner.

Bank Clerk Gets Year For Selling Dollars

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A. Avni, an employee of Bank Leumi in Tel Aviv who admitted taking cheques and foreign currency from the bank and selling them to an unauthorized dealer, was yesterday sentenced to a year's imprisonment by the Relieving President of the Tel Aviv District Court, Judge M. Kennet.

Counsel for the defence claimed that he had not stolen the money and the cheques as he had reimbursed the bank in local currency. He said that the guilty party was the dealer who had bought the sums from him. *(Jim.)*

Church Services

JERUSALEM

St. Paul's Church (Musrara Qr.): E.S., 7 p.m. H.C., as announced. Clergy: Canon H.B.A. Jones (Tel 2713), Rev. J. Ayre (Tel. 5184).

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial): M.S. 10 a.m. Minister Rev. W. Gardiner Scott. Vesper Service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6.15 p.m.

Catholic: 6 a.m. German Hospice Chapel, Languages: German, Italian, English, French 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel, Languages: English, French, German, Italian: St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne). Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese: 9 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel) Languages: French, English, Italian. 9 a.m. Pierre de Sion 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.), M.S. 8 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St., near Bikur Holim). Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Midweek Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister L.F. Irish.

Christian Fellowship Vesper Hour at Y.M.C.A. 6.15 p.m. Film Strip: "The Revelation of Love." Public Welcome.

Brethren (Jamil House, Talbieh). Breaking of Bread, Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Hour. 7.30 p.m. Saturday: 3.30 p.m. Good News Hour.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Bible Evangelical Mission (Pentecostal): Hovevei Zion St., first house: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster).

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation (Opp. Gan Rehavia) Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 6.30 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6.30 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study, 10.30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventists (Rehov Abraham Lincoln, near Y.M.C.A.): 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School. 10.45 a.m. Preaching & Worship: 4 p.m. Bible class.

Russian Orthodox Church (Russian Compound): Mass 8 a.m. (Russian).

Greek Orthodox Church (St. Simeon's, Knesset): Mass 8.30 a.m. (Greek & Arabic).

Assemblies of God Church, corner Marcelle & King George Rds. (Pastor: H.B. Pencovic): Sat., 7.30 p.m.; Sun., 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting: Wed., 7.30 p.m.

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Immanuel Church (Anglican Episcopal) off 19 Eilat St. H.C., 7.30 a.m.; M.S. 11 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. E.G. Allison, P.O.B. 1778, Tel Aviv.

Church of Scotland (St. Peter's), Jaffa: M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Church (Catholic), Jaffa Port: 7 a.m. Weekdays 6 p.m. Languages: French, Italian, Spanish.

Russian Orthodox Church (St. Peter's Church, Abu Kebir): Mass 9 a.m. (Russian).

St. Anthony Catholic Church Jaffa: Sunday Masses, 8 & 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Languages: Arabic, French, German, English, Italian, Spanish.

HAIFA

St. Luke's Church: (Anglican Episcopal) Mountain Rd., near Vine St., H.C. 7.30 a.m.; M.S. 10 a.m.; E.S. 6.30 p.m. Chaplain: Revd. John Rysecart. (Tel. 2713: P.O.B. 1797).

The Scandinavian Seamen's Church, 41 Meir St., P.O.B. 1306. Lutheran Service. 7.30 p.m. (Rev. Per Faye Hansen).

Russian Orthodox Church (St. Elijah's Cave, Mt. Carmel): Mass 8 a.m.

Brethren (Bethesda Gospel Hall, 59 Allenby Rd.): Sun.: Breaking of Bread, 9.30 a.m. (2nd & 4th Sun. of month, 6.30 p.m.): Gospel meetg., 5 p.m. Wed.: Bible Study, 8 p.m.: Prayer, 6.30 p.m. Sat.: Bible study, 5 p.m. Languages: Hebrew, Arabic, Ehurish, Russian German, etc.

NAZARETH

Church of Annunciation (Greek Orthodox): Mass 8 a.m. (Greek and Arabic).

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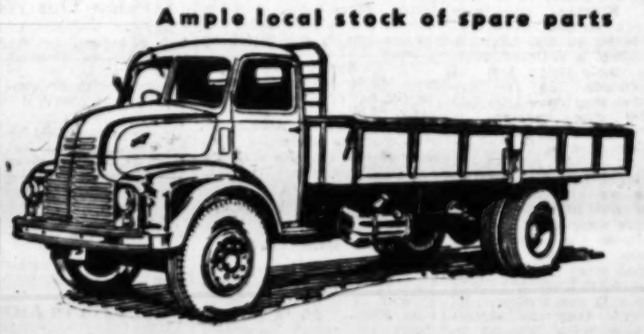

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Notices to the Public

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JAGUAR car for sale, modern 1947 model, excellent condition. Zelter, 46 Rehov Bilu, Tel Aviv.

AUSTIN A-40, in excellent condition with new original engine, for sale. Phone 82113, Haifa, every evening 8—9.

Miscellaneous

GIFT parcels: oranges, grapefruit, chocolate, foodstuffs, etc., first class export quality. Tel Aviv: "Transorient," 3 Rehov Har Sinai, 53 Rehov Nahalat Binyamin, Tel. 86979. Haifa: "Transorient," 26 Rehov Hanamal, 53 Rehov Herzl, Jerusalem: Photo Eliezer, opposite Egged.

Today's Postbag

The Weather

Forecast: Fair and dry.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	78	3	10	13
Tiberias	80	10	18	22
Haifa Port	—	10	17	20
Natanya	43	10	18	20
Tel Aviv Kirya	—	—	—	20
Tel Aviv Port	45	—	18	20
Lydda Airport	53	10	17	22
Jerusalem	57	2	11	14
Beersheba	32	4	17	21
Sdom	45	—	19	22
Eilat	29	6	21	24

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum temp. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Miss Bathsheba de Rothschild for a three-month visit to establish a company to foster local arts (by El Al).

Mr. Shabtai Rosenne, the Legal Adviser of the Foreign Ministry (by El Al).

Mr. Eliezer Barzilai, of the editorial staff of "Uj Kelet," from the U.S. (by El Al).

Mr. Yitzhak Vardi, head of the Israel Bonds Office in South America, and Mr. Meir Levine, head of the Israel Bonds Office in Brazil, on home leave (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

The Israel Minister to Uruguay, Mr. Arye Eshel, for Montevideo (by El Al).

Mr. Aaron Steinbruch, a member of the Brazilian Parliamentary delegation to Israel, on his way back to Brazil (by El Al).

Mrs. Ella Ariel-Gold, Chairman of World Wizo Tourist Department, to Europe in connection with arrangements for 10th Anniversary Year Wizo tours.

THE MINISTRY of Posts has raised the maximum amount allowed in international exchange of stamps from IL5 to IL10 as of January 1.

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CLOTH VALUED at IL3,200 was stolen on Friday morning from the tailor shop of Mordechai Reichman of Rishon LeZion. The thieves broke in through a show window. *(Itim)*

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A TRAINING course for artisans in the ceramic trades will be opened shortly at the Bezalel School of Arts in Jerusalem, it was revealed by the Vocational Training Division of the Ministry of Labour. The course, which is intended for persons in allied trades such as ceramic painting, and the making of industrial models, will be given for a period of three years and provides for 15 students.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

The Struggle for Independence

January 12, 1948

The Jewish Agency announced that it would ask the U.N. formally to establish an international police force of 15-20,000 men to enforce the U.N. partition resolution.

Arab sniper positions in the Sheikh Jarrah Quarter in Jerusalem were blown up and burnt early this morning by Haganah forces.

1st Synod Held of New Anglican Archdiocese

The first episcopal synod of the Anglican Church's newly created archdiocese of the Middle East was held at St. George's Close in the Jordan sector of Jerusalem at the end of last week.

The consecration, earlier in the week, of the Right Rev. Nagib Attalah Cub'ain, as Bishop for the See of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria had completed the reorganization of the Middle East dioceses which began with the retirement, last year, of the Right Rev. W. H. Stewart as Bishop of Jerusalem. Bishop Cub'ain's See was carved out of the old Jerusalem Bishopric, while its remaining districts—Cyprus, Israel, Iraq and the Persian Gulf—continue under the direct jurisdiction of the new Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Rev. Angus MacInnes, who was appointed Metropolitan of the Archdiocese last July. The Right Rev. Cub'ain, who was formerly incumbent at St. Paul's Church in the Musrara Quarter, is the Anglican Church's first Arab bishop.

Attending last week's episcopal synod, in addition to Archbishop MacInnes and Bishop Cub'ain, were three bishops from Sudan and Persia who had come for the consecration of Bishop Cub'ain at St. George's Cathedral.

Police Ask Higher Bail For Wanted Scrap Magnate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — The police yesterday asked that the bail on Mr. Joseph Janovici, wanted by the International Police for alleged customs or tax evasions in France, be raised from IL2,000 to IL20,000, and that he be ordered to report to the police twice daily.

The request was made to Chief Magistrate Mrs. M. Starkman following receipt of a cable from Interpol stating that the file against him has been completed and submitted to an Israel Legation for transfer to Jerusalem in order to support a request for extradition.

Higher bail was justified, police said, in view of the large sum involved in Janovici's alleged swindle — 40m. francs ($80,000). The Magistrate is to make her decision known tomorrow.

The police request is being opposed by Janovici's counsel, Mr. Y. Shammai, who claimed that no official extradition request had been made and no extradition agreement with France exists.

Appears Before Press

Yesterday evening Janovici, self-styled "servant of France suffering a great wrong" at the hands of the country he served, presented himself to the press. He was accompanied by Mr. Shammai.

For more than three hours the rosy-cheeked, pudgy scrap metal magnate, who is said to have rebuilt his fortune with the help only of a telephone, sat unperturbed before a continual barrage of questions. Immaculate in a dark blue suit, a dark tie under his double chin, Janovici devoted himself mainly to denying charges of collaboration with the Nazis during the occupation of France.

He dismissed with a sweep of his hand any suggestion of customs or tax evasions.

In the blinding glare of floodlights and to the grinding of cameras, Janovici and his counsel unfolded the fantastic story of his career, piecing the episodes together at random with no chronological order. The pair produced a thick sheaf of official documents to substantiate their claims. The story:

Born in Rumania, Janovici emigrated to France in 1925 and operated in scrap metal. At the outbreak of the War, he renounced his Rumanian citizenship to volunteer for the French Army. When France fell, he was arrested and in a German prison met resistance leaders who told him that it was possible to fight the Germans without risk of discovery only by appearing to be working for them.

"They ordered me to go to work for the Germans in the name of France and I served as a metal expert for the Wehrmacht's purchasing department."

He worked for 10 months, dealing with 1,600 tons of scrap worth over 10m. francs. When the Germans suspected him of being Jewish and sent him for a medical examination, he sent a non-circumcised friend in his stead. While working for the Germans he had smuggled wagon-loads of weapons under their noses to the resistance movement, and helped saving the lives of many British and American airmen shot down over France. He was still corresponding with some of them. He had also saved the lives of many Jews and produced signed certificates to prove these claims.

Fined 50m. Francs

After the war he was fined 50m. francs by a French court trying those who profited from the occupation. The fine represented five times the amount of the value of his dealings. He had never bothered to take out French citizenship papers "because my resistance membership cards and certificates of honour were in my opinion worth more."

In 1947 he was put on trial again on charges of collaborating with the Nazis and of working against the interests of the defence of France during the occupation. The jury found him not guilty of the first, but guilty of the second charge. "A Jewish juror at my trial resigned because he felt that if my name were Du Pont rather than Janovici I would not have been on trial at all."

He was sentenced to five years in jail, a fine of 600,000 francs and the confiscation of his property up to the value of 50m. francs. "I did not appeal because I did not expect to get justice. I want to be tried by an international court to establish my innocence... I served every single day of my sentence in prison and not in hospital as has been insinuated."

All his property worth at least 300m. francs had been confiscated and no report of the confiscation details had ever been made to him. The day he was released in 1951 the Minister of Interior banished him indefinitely to a hotel room in Mende, in the Department of Lozere, where he was under the constant surveillance of 10 police officers.

Constant Surveillance

"Every phone call I made was tapped, every movement noted, every act spied upon. It is ridiculous to say that I could have swindled the state out of 40m. francs during this period. If I did where were the police who were watching me so closely?"

He had used his telephone to be a scrap broker to metal dealers all over the world, to give advice and get paid for it. "I neither imported nor exported a single gram of scrap, so I could not have evaded any export customs." He had done well with his phone and was again "well off" with his money in America, but no millionaire, as had been alleged.

After six years of captivity he could stand it no longer and decided to escape. In 1948 his wife was killed by robbers but he was refused permission to attend her funeral. He managed to escape on a Moroccan passport in the name of Joseph Levi. He refused to divulge any details of his flight. He arrived here with an official bank draft of $1,000. After his arrival he made no attempt to hide but had walked about freely until the police took him to court and asked for him to be put on bail.

Parents of ILO Expert Awarded Damages

JERUSALEM, Saturday—The parents of the late Mary Jeanette Drucker, an International Labour Organization vocational guidance expert who died in a traffic accident in June 1955, a few hours after her arrival in Israel on an I.L.O. assignment, were awarded IL8,000 damages on Friday by the Jerusalem District Court Judge, Dr. Shereshewsky.

Suit had been brought against the Attorney-General, the Ministry of Labour, Mr. P. Harburger (the driver), the Joint Israel-America Aid Fund and the Union Insurance Company by Miss Drucker's 75-year-old parents, who claimed that their daughter had been their sole means of support.

The defendants had neither denied the charges nor the sum claimed, but had only asked that the Eastern Guardian Insurance Company be joined as a co-defendant; this company had denied all liability. Judge Shereshewsky refused the defendants' request and held them, in accordance with their own admission, liable to pay the IL8,000 sought by Miss Drucker's parents. *(Itim)*

Boy Asks IL109,000 For Mine Injuries

A 15-year-old boy from Abu Ghosh who was severely injured by a mine while picking mushrooms in the Jerusalem Corridor area filed a claim on Friday for IL109,000 in damages against the Attorney-General, an Army officer, the Jewish National Fund and his employer from Abu Ghosh.

The plaintiff, Yusouf Abdul Majid, claims that while out picking mushrooms he had stepped on a mine and was consequently blinded and lost a foot.

He is claiming damages for future support and for medical expenses. *(Itim)*

Otto May Charged With Forgery; Out on Bail

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Otto May, who disappeared from his Tel Aviv home almost ten years ago and was discovered living in Natanya last week, was released on a IL1,000 bail yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate Y. Zohar.

May had been arrested on a charge of having forged and distributed promissory notes totalling LP2,800 in April 1948. In another three months, May would have escaped prosecution on the charge under the statute of limitations, which prevents prosecution for the crime of forgery if more than ten years have passed.

At the time of his disappearance, May left debts totalling LP18,000. *(Itim)*

Hashomer Hatzair Wins J.N.F. Award

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Hashomer Hatzair movement was on Thursday awarded the Jewish National Fund Youth Shield for outstanding J.N.F. work last year. The presentation was held in the Mann Auditorium.

A falling off in the efforts of youth movements on behalf of the J.N.F was noted in the adjudicating committee's report. The Scout movement (Hatzofim) was awarded the J.N.F. banner as runner up.

Bright Future For Israel Aviation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — Civil aviation is on the threshold of its development not only in passenger transport, but mainly as a cargo carrier, and for Israel it could become an "export industry" that could earn foreign exchange with a fair added value and provide employment for semi-skilled and skilled manpower, Aluf E. Ben-Artzi, General Manager of El Al, told the Maritime Club yesterday.

In 1956, the 72 international airlines had conveyed 78 million passengers, but in 1957 the number had already passed the 100 million mark. They had carried also 1,500 million kilometre-tons of freight, he said. Between October, 1956 and September, 1957 some 437,000 persons had crossed the North Atlantic from West to East, as against 419,000 going by ship. To stimulate air travel still further, the airlines were about to introduce the "thrift class" as of April, with a reduction of 27 per cent on present rates.

Future in Cargo

The best prospect for civil aviation, however, lay in cargo transport, Aluf Ben-Artzi said. The rising cost of capital, reflected in the advance of interest rates during the last 20 years in most countries, including the U.S., made slow sea travel costly through tying up capital. Airfreighting goods saved interest charges, port dues, and often packing, and made the costly maintenance of reserve stocks and storing spare parts redundant. Goods now being conveyed by air are spare parts for machinery, watches, fashion and textile articles, off-season vegetables and fruit. Mail would soon be carried exclusively by airplanes, he predicted.

Aluf Ben-Artzi pointed out that operating expenses of airlines were coming down, while those of shipping services were rising. Better engines cut the cost of fuel for one horsepower per hour from 12 to eight cents, and their weight from 720 grams per horsepower to 480. Technological advances are constantly bringing new improvements.

U.N. PRESS OFFICER'S ARRIVAL DELAYED

The Foreign Ministry received a cable on Friday from Mr. James B. Orrick, the new Director of the U.N. Information Centre located in Athens, that he had been grounded in Ankara and therefore missed the plane from Istanbul which was to have arrived at Lydda Airport on Thursday night. Mr. Orrick, who was due to spend 10 days in Israel, cabled that he would inform the Ministry of his scheduled arrival.

There's No Pleasing 'Em

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Beersheba driver, who was proceeding at a measured pace through Gedera, was stopped by a traffic policeman. When questioned as to the nature of the offence, the policeman answered that he had become suspicious of his slow speed, an unusual sight on that particular stretch of road.

30 Suspected Cases Of Oxalic Poisoning

Over 30 cases of food poisoning have been reported in the country since the discovery of the use of oxalic acid instead of citric acid in the manufacture of various food products, it was revealed by the Ministry of Health last night. It has not been proved conclusively, however, that these cases were caused by the poison.

The Ministry revealed that 30 kgs. of the original shipment of five tons of oxalic acid have as yet not been accounted for, and the public is warned not to use any citric acid purchased after December 15 without prior chemical analysis.

ANTI-POLIO STATIONS

Anti-polio booster shots for children are available at the following stations:

JERUSALEM: Central Station, Beit Harofe, corner Straus and Hanevi'im, Sunday through Thursday, 8.30-2.00 p.m. and 3.30 to 7.00 p.m. on Friday; Katamon Gimel and Kiryat Yovel, at the Hadassah Health Centre.

TEL AVIV: Straus Health Centre, Balfour 14, 8.30-2.00 p.m.; Kupat Holim Clinic, 4 Esther Hamalka; National Sick Fund Clinic, 46 I.Z.L., Hatikva Qtr., 8.00-1.00; Kupat Holim Clinic of the General Zionists, Merkaz Ba'ale Melacha St.

HAIFA: On Sunday and Monday: 30 Syrkin; Histadrut Council House, Kiryat Yam Gimel, Mahaneh David, Sunday only. On Tuesday and Wednesday, Ramot Remez, Nave Shaanan, Kupat Holim clinic. From Sunday till Wednesday, Ma'on Yeladim, 5 Geula.

HADERA: On Sunday, Mother and Child Centre, Agrobank Ma'bara; Zichron Yaakov, North District. On Monday, Zikhron Yaakov, Municipal Mother and Child Centre; Municipal Mother and Child Centre, Benyamina; Benyamina Ma'bara, Mother and Child Centre; Pardess Hanna, Yad L'banim; Municipal Mother and Child Centre, Beit Hananya.

RAMAT GAN: Central Health Station, 24 Hama'agal; Mother and Child Centre, 11 Ramot Naftali, Ramat Hahayal (Sunday through Tuesday) 11.00-2.00 p.m.

BNEI BRAK: Histadrut Building, Rehov Akiva.

HOLON: Kupat Holim Clinic, Shikun Ammami. Monday through Friday, 9.00-12.00.

HERZLIYA: Kupat Holim Clinic, Sunday through Tuesday.

Bernard Van Leer Buried in Sanhedria Cemetery

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Bernard Van Leer, the Dutch industrialist who passed away in Amsterdam on Tuesday at the age of 74, was laid to rest in the Sanhedria Cemetery in Jerusalem on Friday morning.

The remains of the deceased arrived at Lydda Airport earlier in the morning aboard a chartered K.L.M. plane, which also brought several members of his family. The black-draped coffin, covered with a white talith, was lowered from the plane and taken to the hearse past a long row of police standing at attention. The funeral cortege left for Jerusalem led by two motorcycle policemen.

Among those who met the plane were, Mr. Harry Beilin, the Chief of Protocol, Mr. Avraham Hartzfeld, M.K., and Prof. Aharon Katchalsky, both representing the Van Leer Foundation for the Advancement of Culture.

Mourners stood in a heavy rain during the services at the grave on Friday.

President Ben-Zvi was represented by his Aide-de-Camp.

In the funeral cortege were the widow, Mrs. Polly Van Leer, and the two sons, Willem and Oscar; the Ministers of Justice and Posts; the Netherlands Minister; the Mayor of Jerusalem; the State Controller; the Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs; high Government officials and many members of the Dutch community in Israel.

Among those who arrived specially by plane were members of the Van Leer family, directors of the industrialist's firm, Mr. Van Leer's secretary and his chauffeur, who had been with him for many years.

The remains were brought to the Jewish Agency courtyard where the deceased was eulogized by Dr. J. Burg, Minister of Posts, on behalf of the Government, and Prof. A. H. Fraenkel, on behalf of the Hebrew University.

Dr. Burg said that Bernard Van Leer had been one of the builders of the country, a man to whom "the State-in-building could always turn in times of distress." He was both a man of affairs and an idealistic soul, said Dr. Burg, and perhaps these two qualities supported each other.

Prof. Fraenkel noted that the Van Leer Institute for the Advancement of Human Culture, to be completed within a year or two in Jerusalem, was one of the great achievements of Bernard Van Leer. It would serve as a monument to the spirit, he said.

Rabbi B. Casper, Dean of Students at the Hebrew University, recited *El Male Rahamim*, while *kadish* was said by the son, Willem.

Prayers at the graveside were chanted by Hazzan Y. Bar-Zakkai.

General Zionists Organization in Israel Building Committee

In cooperation with the Competitions Committee of the Israel Engineers and Architects Association hereby announces a

Public Competition

for the design of a

Building for the General Zionists' Organization and Their Central Institutions in Tel Aviv.

Judges: Architect W. J. Witkower — Chairman; Y. Ben-Sira, Engineer; R. Bannet, Architect; Z. Chelouche, Architect; H. H. Pavell, Architect; A. Goldstein; J. Rivlin; M. Schiff.

Prizes: First — IL2,000; Second — IL1,500; Third IL1,000; Purchases — IL1,000.

DEADLINE for submitting entries: March 30, 1958.

Further details and conditions of the competition are available against payment of IL5 at the branches of the Engineers and Architects Association: Tel Aviv—300 Rehov Dizengoff; Jerusalem—16 King George Ave.; Haifa—24 Rehov Shabbtai Zvi.

Ashdod Cut Off Third Time

Jerusalem Post Staff

The heavy rains of Thursday and Friday swelled the Lachish River to above its banks, carrying away a wooden footbridge and cutting off the townlet of Ashdod for the third time this winter.

Snow, sleet, rains and high winds lashed other parts of the country on Friday, while yesterday was clear and fine.

For today, the weatherman predicts clear, cold and dry weather throughout the country. Near-freezing temperatures are to be expected in the mountains.

"We want no more temporary bridges: give us a steel Bailey bridge," Ashdod residents, nearly all new immigrants, shouted during a demonstration yesterday near the washed-out bridge. A delegation received by Mr. Mordechai Namir, the Minister of Labour, in Tel Aviv yesterday was promised that the matter of the Bailey bridge would be taken under consideration.

The Rehovot police sent caterpillar vehicles across to Ashdod from the south on Friday afternoon, while the Public Works Department sent bulldozers to build a levee against the flood waters. Telephone contact was re-established yesterday.

Engineer Noah Talmor told *The Jerusalem Post* that the existing bridge (one of the cement buttresses of which had already been washed away by the flood) would have to be completely destroyed to allow free flow of the water, and that work to clear away the underbrush blocking the flow had begun.

In the nearby Haruvit ma'bara, ten roofs were blown off huts in heavy gales.

Snow fell in Rishon leZion for a quarter of an hour on Friday. A violent gale tore the moorings of several ships in Haifa port, the British destroyer Ursa was slightly damaged when it collided with the tanker Yarkon.

The heavy rains on Friday in Jerusalem flooded eight cellars, four of which were emptied by the Fire Brigade. A cold watchman in Kiryat Yovel started a fire in his shack on Friday evening, and ended up by burning building materials valued at several hundred pounds.

Israel Wrestler Refuses To Fight 'Fixed' Bouts

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday — The Israel wrestler, Mr. Rafael Halperin, stated on his return to Israel yesterday that he had been denied bouts in the U.S. ring because he had objected to the "fixing" of his matches on his previous visit there in 1954.

Mr. Halperin stated that he hoped that the boycott against him would be lifted soon, but insisted that he would agree to appear only in clean matches. He said that he had been threatened that if he would not participate in the "fixes" he would be intentionally disabled in the ring. *(Itim)*

Free Textbooks For Kiryat Shmona Needy

KIRYAT SHMONA, Saturday. —Local children whose parents' monthly income does not exceed IL150 will receive text books and other educational materials free of charge under an agreement reached yesterday between the Local Council and the Ministry of Education.

For the past four months, the schools have been closed owing to the lack of texts and copy books. The Ministry of Education has already advanced books valued at IL3,000 to the local schools so that studies can begin at once. *(Itim)*

Syntabon Wins 3:1

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Hotel Balcony Falls In Meah Shearim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police last night cordoned off a portion of Rehov Harav Salant in the Meah Shearim Quarter of Jerusalem as cooking gas fumes emanated from Hotel Eretz Yisrael after the floor of a second floor open court had collapsed. The gas containers fell with the roof. None was injured.

The incident took place at 5.45 p.m. shortly after the Sabbath was out. There were five guests in the hotel. The floor fell into an unused storehouse.

The building is 70 years old and belongs to the Custodian of Abandoned Property. The hotel keeper, Mr. Haim Barmatz, said that Custodian engineers inspected the hotel three years ago and a year ago, and after minor repairs were made they reportedly said the building would stand anything but a heavy earthquake.

The hotel has 20 beds and is the largest in Meah Shearim.

In July, 1954, Rabbi Moshe Goldberg, a French delegate to the Agudat Yisrael Congress, was fatally injured in the hotel when a mortar shell fired by the Arab Legion landed there.

A Car Cannot Be 'Stolen' In Israel, Only Borrowed

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — On the grounds that in Israel it is impossible to permanently steal a car, the District Court in Tel Aviv yesterday reduced the sentence of Ya'acov Mizrahi from six to four months.

Mizrahi, who had originally been sentenced for stealing the car of a Tel Aviv lawyer, appealed through his attorney Mr. Moshe Cohen, that in all cases of theft the element of desiring to keep the article permanently must be proven. "In Israel, it is well known that it is impossible to steal a car permanently," declared Mr. Cohen.

Instead, he asked that his client be charged with having used the car without the owner's permission. The court accepted Mr. Cohen's argument with regard to the car, but held that the petrol which Mizrahi had used while driving the car had been stolen—permanently. *(Itim)*

Charged With Taking IL100,000

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Charges of embezzlement, theft and taking money under false pretences were brought against Moshe Dror of Tel Aviv, before the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on Friday.

Dror is accused of embezzling over IL100,000 while an employee of the Foreign Loans Division of the Ministry of Finance. *(Itim)*

ZVI HERZOG, 6½, was seriously wounded last night by the explosion of a grenade detonator with which he was playing in his home in the Hapoel Mizrahi quarter in Kiryat Shalom.

Copenhagen Tops Petah Tikva 7:0

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Copenhagen Selected playing the best football of its tour yet, overran Petah Tikva Hapoel to the tune of 7:0 (halftime 2:0) in Jaffa this afternoon. Had it not been for goalkeeper Visoker being in top form, the visitors might well have run up double figures in goals.

The 7,000 fans who turned out were very disappointed at Petah Tikva's showing. The local squad was pressed into its own territory for fully 80 of the 90 minutes, and throughout the game never seriously threatened the Copenhagen goal.

The ground was very sticky from recent rains, but the Danes quickly accustomed themselves, and everyone of their forwards was in top form.

After Lundberg dribbled past three defenders only to see his shot go wide, Silberstein kicked the ball into his own net to set the goal march off in the 13th minute. Visoker saved half a dozen good efforts from Soerensen and Lundberg before the latter put the visitors two up at the interval.

Inside right Ole Soerensen put in goal number three, and inside left Leif Peterson scored a gem of a goal in the 60th minute, dribbling past three defenders to draw Visoker from his goal before hooking the ball into the unguarded net. After that the Hapoel defence collapsed entirely and the Danes hit in three more goals in the last five minutes, the last just as the final whistle was about to be blown.

Copenhagen play their last game in Israel in Jerusalem at the YMCA ground on Monday against a national Betar selected.

GALILEE ROUTE MARCH GOES TO YEHIAM

HAIFA, Saturday. — Yehiam Hapoel today won the Acre-Matsuba 25 km. route march in two hours 49 minutes, two minutes ahead of Shomera Hapoel and Gush Zevulun Aleph, and were awarded the Western Galilee Hapoel Cup.

Eight clubs took part with six marchers each, though not all finished. Acre police escorted the race along the whole route.

Cables in Brief

VACATION. — Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, is to go to the French Riviera next month for a holiday of several weeks, a Government spokesman said in Bonn yesterday.

CARS. — Nearly 5,000 persons in Los Angeles attended the opening on Thursday of the imported car display including models sent by 50 manufacturers in Japan, Germany, Britain, Austria, France, Italy, Sweden and Czechoslovakia.

First Division Games

Bnei Yehuda 2, Kiryat Haim Hapoel 1; Jerusalem Betar 2, Sha'arayim Maccabi 0; Makasa Yehuda Hapoel 6, Hakoah Tel Aviv 2; Rehovot Hapoel 2, Rehovot Mac. 2; Hadera Hap. 1, Tel Aviv Shimshon 1; Hadera Mac. 2, Afula Hap. 0.

FIRST DIVISION STANDINGS

	Gms.	F.	A.	Pts.
Mah. Yeh. Hap.	6	20	13	12
Kiryat Haim Hap.	6	12	6	8
J'lem Betar	6	12	8	7
T.A. Shimshon	6	6	5	7
Hadera Mac.	6	11	12	7
Rehovot Mac.	6	9	8	6
Hadera Hap.	5	8	7	5
T.A. Hakoah	6	10	18	4
T.A. Bnei Yehuda	6	5	10	4
Rehovot Hap.	6	10	18	3
Sha'arayim Mac.	6	3	11	3
Afula Hap.	6	5	8	3

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Tel Aviv Mac. 63, Haifa Mac 28; Tel Aviv Darom Mac. 49, J'lem Mac. 35; Mishmar Hasneek Hap. 45, Tel Aviv Hap. 40; Haifa Hap. 57 Beit Alpha Hap. 39.

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POPULAR SETTLEMENT
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Hannah Stern (née Gruenebaum) Cardiff, England

The funeral will leave from the Hadassah Hospital (Sief).

With deep sorrow we mourn the passing away at the age of 83 after short illness of our beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt

Mathilde Fiegel (née Cohn)

formerly Berlin

Kiriat Bialik, January 10, 1958

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Dr. Herbert and Claire Fiegel

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The funeral will take place today (Sunday 12.1.58) at 1.45 at the Kurdanah Cemetery. A special bus will leave from 26 Rehov Keren Kayemet, Kiryat Bialik, at 1.30.

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AFTER many unavoidable delays, the Israel Broadcasting House — the new station devoted to broadcasting in Arabic — opens its programmes early this morning. This heralds the beginning of a project whose importance for the future of Israel-Arab relations can be considerable.

TALKING TO NEIGHBOURS

For close on ten years now Israel's Arabic broadcasts have constituted a part of Kol Yisrael, and have consequently, and inevitably, suffered from lack of sufficient broadcasting time, suitable hours, and adequate technical facilities — with the result that they could provide a daily total of just over three hours of broadcasting. Moreover, the programmes fell between such long intervals that their effectiveness was to some extent impaired, especially as far as peak listening hours in the neighbouring countries were concerned. That despite all these difficulties Kol Yisrael managed to provide good, sound Arabic broadcasts has been thanks to the efforts of the small but devoted staff in charge of the section.

Reasons commending the new project are many and weighty. It is a fact, though a regrettable one, that the broadcast word has been, and will probably remain for a long time to come, the only means by which Israel can hope to reach an Arab audience of any description. With Israel extremely eager to show public opinion in Arab countries the other side of the coin, to counter the monotonous anti-Israel campaign of smears and lies served up to them day and night by their own governments, the project launched today may be said to have been long overdue. That such attempts at countering official Arab propaganda and revealing it for what it is really worth can be quite effective is borne out by the fact that Nasser has found it necessary, since the conclusion of the Sinai operations last November, to jam Israel's Arabic broadcasts in the main cities of Egypt.

The use of radio as a political weapon has, in the Middle East, been developed to fantastic proportions, as the case of Egypt would seem to show. Cairo's success in its radio warfare cannot, however, be ascribed solely to technical skill; a firm, persistent point of view and the singling out of a number of imaginary "enemies," have helped considerably. Insofar as Israel is presented as the arch-enemy, three complaints are submitted: that Israel is a mere extension of Western Imperialism, which created her for the sole purpose of thwarting legitimate Arab nationalist aspirations; that she is responsible for the terrible plight of a million Palestine Arabs whose homes, lands and possessions were taken away from them and who are denied even the right to return to their own country; and that the Arabs in Israel are a persecuted, downtrodden minority.

The Israel Broadcasting House, addressing itself to public opinion in the neighbouring countries, will have a very important role to play in countering this powerful campaign waged not only by Cairo but by all Arab radio stations — and it is hoped that it will be provided with all the facilities necessary to enable it to perform its part efficiently and effectively. It will no doubt try to drive home a few simple truths which its listeners are prone to forget: that Jews have had a continuous physical as well as cultural link with this land since time immemorial; that Israel is not a foreign body or an alien culture in the area.

A word must be said in conclusion in praise of those who have made the new project possible, especially the directorate and staff of the new station. Without their knowledge of the language and their familiarity with the people whom they are addressing, the project would have been totally unthinkable.

Reports from Cyprus — By Rawle Knox

Uncertainty Over Base

THERE is an air of easy uncertainty under the orange-pink roofs of the strange garden suburb which the British have built upon the rock and scrub of the hills beyond Episkopi, a small village in Cyprus. "You know how it is, old boy," says an Army officer, staring one frankly in the face, "the fellows in Whitehall can never make up their minds."

Episkopi, which houses the headquarters of Britain's Middle East Air and Land Forces, cost some £30m. to build. It would have cost more, for it is not yet finished and work has stopped. There are "Lancashire Lanes" and "Suffolk Streets" whose half-completed desirable residences will probably never be occupied. In respect to Cyprus, the British Government has paused to ask itself the question: When is a base not a base?

For the Army, since the Suez operation, privately sees little future in Cyprus. Publicly it talks of a future Nato base. The handicap of Cyprus, from a military point of view, is that it has no port capable of handling heavy equipment all the year round. As I write, eight polo ponies, being transshipped by the Army from Benghazi in a tank-landing craft, are floating miserably off Larnaca because bad weather makes docking impossible.

Nato, in fact, takes little interest in Cyprus. There is almost no liaison between senior British Army and Air Force officers here and their American opposite numbers in the Mediterranean.

The Royal Air Force, however, believes that Cyprus is still a real asset to the strategy of the non-Communist nations. Sir Hubert Patch, Commander-in-Chief of Britain's Middle East Air Force, told me: "I believe that Cyprus will retain its value as an air base for a number of years to come." He said that if Cyprus became independent or was ceded to Greece, either Britain or Britain and her allies in concert, should retain rights over two, preferably three, airfields and one port.

Double Link

Senior officers of all Services agree that a British Cyprus is immensely helpful in showing the Baghdad partners that Britain intends to keep an interest in the area. There is now much more contact from here between Britain and her Baghdad Pact allies than there was before Suez. Canberras fly to Teheran on familiarization flights almost every week. Service commanders have frequent liaison with their Iraqi colleagues; and with Turkey, a member of Nato, there is, of course, a double link. Only with Pakistan, owing partly to greater distance and partly to Pakistan's preoccupation with the Kashmir problem, is there a comparative paucity of exchanges.

Apart from its goodwill mission to the members of the Baghdad Pact, Britain's Middle East Command operates in a vacuum. Episkopi, with its cinemas and Service stores and football fields, and hundreds of neat, suburban houses, is just a headquarters. No one there is yet daring to ask himself: Headquarters of what? A few planes fly on routine exercises from the new nearby giant airfield of Akrotiri. There are 20,000 combat troops on the island, but they are engaged whenever Eoka, the Greek Cypriot terrorist organization, chooses to turn on the heat, in reaching for some 20 gunmen in the hills. But the Air Marshals and the Generals are planning into the unknown.

COMMUNISTS GAIN

THE return to Cyprus of Ezekiel Papaioannou, Secretary-General of the now proscribed Akel Party, is being triumphantly acclaimed by Cypriot Communists. The 50-year-old Papaioannou, who has been secretary-general of the party since 1949, escaped from Nicosia General Hospital on April 20 last year when he was being held as a political detainee. After Communist detainees in Cyprus were finally released last May and all restrictions against the Communists removed three months later, Papaioannou appeared in Britain where he took advantage of the country's free medical service.

Akel is still a banned party but as an underground organization it now probably has over 10,000 members. Andreas Fantis, who has been Acting Secretary-General during Papaioannou's absence, claimed recently that the party's membership increased by 50 per cent in the first few months of last year. Most of the overt Communist activity on the island is carried on through PEO—the Pan-Cypria Federation of Labour.

EOKA Blows

No one here except for the most fanatical of the right-wing Greek Cypriots underestimates the progress which Communism has made on the island during the past year. For once it is not too strong to call the left-wing movement absolutely Communist-dominated, for there is simply no middle-of-the-road party in existence. In some of the violence before the right-wing terrorist organization Eoka called a truce last March it was possible to see blows being aimed at the Communists as well as the British Government.

Communist political influence is not merely underground. The elected Mayors of Larnaca and Limassol, two of Cyprus's four largest towns, are known to be on Akel's politbureau.

Akel supports Eoka's cry that Archbishop Makarios should be brought back to Cyprus—largely because there is no Greek Cypriot who would dare oppose the demand. In December 1956 when the then British Governor, Sir John Harding, almost reached agreement with the Archbishop (who had no objection to British or Nato bases being retained on the island) Akel leaflets virulently attacked the Archbishop.

If Britain, Greece and Turkey can reach some agreement on self-government for Cyprus soon the stage will be set for a political melee among the Greek Cypriots. Estimates of Communist voting strength vary considerably — from as little as 20 per cent to as much as 55 per cent. Communism's great strength is that it is solid inside the trade unions whereas much of Eoka's steam is let off by students, few of whom are of voting age.

Ezekiel Papaioannou has managed to return to Cyprus before Archbishop Makarios and doubtless he will add strength to the busy Akel organization. The Archbishop may find the island politically a very different place if and when he is allowed to get back. (OPNS)

But I'm Not Ready Yet!

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Readers' Letters

INTEGRATING AMERICANS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a recent arrival from Canada, I should like to make some comments on Sraya Shapiro's "Marginal Column" of December 20 on the problems of integrating Americans.

My wife and children and I are busy getting settled in Israel. We have confidence in ourselves (please don't take it away from us!) And we rely on the good will of the people with whom we come into daily contact in order to understand Israel. When things go wrong (and they do with immigrants) I am advised by Israelis not to be shy but to make my problems known. When nothing happens I am again advised to speak up and make my demands heard. If I were then to take this advice, Mr. Shapiro has made it possible for others to recognize in me a potential American problem. I am surprised at the number of people who share Mr. Shapiro's impressions, but I am not a man who is easily defeated by generalities, and it is very likely that we are here to stay.

I enjoy the company and solid characteristics of my many friends among the new citizens here as well as of the older ones, including *sabras*, but I am not bound to overlook any rudeness or carelessness I run into to please the ones who made this land safe and comfortable for me.

Mr. Shapiro suggests that security needs have dictated an attitude which is difficult for Americans to grasp. I have often tried to equate my personal problems with this situation but if I fail to understand it even after equating it, what then?

Allow me to draw a comparison. If a teacher reports that her pupils have all passed their examinations except for a group of, say, American children, and she offers very sound reasons for these failures, would you not get bored with the reasons if the failures continued year after year? How would the American children feel? I suggest that the teacher stop giving reasons and work for an understanding of the failures in order to minimize them.

It is because of Mr. Shapiro's generalization at the expense of what I believe is Israel's real security—understanding and unity — that I find myself writing this letter. If Mr. Shapiro proceeded to throw his searching light and understanding on this awkward problem, he would have done the State a service. Instead he shows us a failure and proceeds with ample proof that Israelis are blameless. We are then left with a terrible impression of all Americans.

It looks like small potatoes from where I sit.

Yours, etc.
SAMUEL APPLEBY
Kiryat Gat, December 27.

PEN FRIENDS

MR. RAJ V. CHHABRIA, 20, of "Hem Prabha," 63 Marine Drive, Bombay 1, India, is very eager to correspond with an Israel girl of his age. His hobbies are sports, current affairs, films, maps.

ROBERT HOLL, of Turmstr. 11 1/10, Mainz-Mombach, Germany, wishes to exchange stamps. His collection covers almost the whole world.

JACOB TE PAS, 19, of 1 Hugo de Grootstraat 24, Amsterdam, Holland, seeks a pen friend in Israel. He can correspond in French, German and Dutch, and knows some English.

Friday's Press

Need for Stable Lead

Hillel Danzig notes in **Omer** (Histadrut) that the three Labour parties were on the eve of discussing better relations when the crisis broke out, and now that it is over and the coalition has been reconstituted they should resume their talks. The State needs a strong and stable Government more than ever.

The crisis is over, writes Shlomo Derekh in **Lamerhav** (Ahdut Ha'avoda), but differences of opinion persist. The writer hopes that with the renewal of the partnership the majority will be able to summon genuine goodwill, and that everyone will assume the yoke of responsibility for the general good.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam), which insists again that there have never been differences of opinion on acquiring arms for Israel wherever available provided, of course, no political strings were attached, delivers a slashing attack upon **Davar** (Histadrut) which contended on Thursday that the Labour parties were far from united, and that Mapam was not so obstreperous as Ahdut Ha'avoda was. Mapai, of course, **Al Hamishmar** ironically remarks, is the only party that is fully concerned with the welfare of the State. Be that as it may, Mapam will continue to fight for an independent economic, social and foreign policy, and for non-alignment with either bloc.

Haboker (General Zionist) denounces the megalomania which prompted a participant in the Ghana trade talks to leak to a coalition paper the rumour that Israel would lend the Accra government £30m. Observers in this country and abroad have rightly asked how a nation which is so short of funds could afford this, and the answer is that our officials want us to pose as a prosperous and magnanimous big brother. Now both governments will be hard put to deny the idle rumour.

Davar writes that the Herut leadership, ostensibly going to the U.S. to advocate the conclusion of an alliance between the two countries, have only one thing in mind: scraping up funds for their coming election campaign.

Paintings Yield Sahara Secrets

Letter from Paris
By Maurice Carr

THE exact colour reproductions made of hundreds of prehistoric paintings found in the Sahara and (as reported earlier) now on exhibit at the Louvre make history in more ways than one. They resurrect the past glories of the Sahara, which, for all its present deadness, was in bygone ages one of the liveliest places on earth. They introduce, or reintroduce, a grandiose new-old school of art. And they shed a revealing light on that strangest of all creatures, man.

Ten thousand years ago — the time-limit is estimated according to abundant archaeological evidence, among other things the portraits of now-extinct types of buffaloes — the Sahara-dwellers began to depict themselves and the fauna upon the sandstone rock. Successive generations added layer upon layer of pictures, producing fantastic composite scenes.

The earliest Sahara artists — negro hunters armed with bows and arrows, with clubs and boomerangs — did childishly-distorted, diagrammatic paintings, wholly devoid of that sense of perspective, that grasp of detail and monumental power which characterize the 25,000-year-old cave paintings to be seen at Lascaux (Central France). Yet in one essential respect the North African primitives were far in advance of the European cave-painters. For while the latter had eyes only for the animal kingdom, the Sahara-dwellers had already reached a stage of human self-awareness where they were able to draw not only animals but also their own selves, however crudely.

One of the lessons to be gleaned from prehistoric art is that savage man had scant self-respect, admiring and even envying the animals against whose majestic strength he had to pit his miserable wits. The Lascaux artist did not deem himself worthy of a self-portrait. As for the Sahara hunter, when he painted himself he disguised himself to look like a beast, adorning his head with horns or feathers, attaching a tail to his rump, donning over his face a monstrous mask, taking pride only in a display of his sexual organ.

The primeval Saharans were obsessed with magic, indulging in grotesque abstractions and creating their witch-doctors or gods in the image of brutes. Then 7,000 years ago another people, of mixed race, partly European in appearance, partly negroid, took possession of the Sahara. Apparently they came in from the east, from the Upper Nile, for they had many traits in common with the Egyptians — the same simple clothes, the same elaborate hair-styles, the same dances, the same river-boats.

The newcomers were pastoral, resembling their predecessors not at all. Hairy Esau made way, as it were, for patriarchal Jacob.

The new Saharans were tall stalwart folk with slender limbs and delicate hands, with intelligent faces perched on high stiff necks. The women were remarkably beautiful. A conversation-piece between two girls wearing elegantly flowing gowns with shoulder-straps, is one among many of these art masterpieces.

There are mass scenes, at once crowded and spacious like the works of Breughel, which are veritable ballets. There is always gaiety even when fighting is seen to break out between rival groups of herdsmen. There are many compositions of domestic felicity. Little children run with outstretched arms to their mothers. There is a sketch of a family indoors — the father asleep on the floor, an infant toddling about on all fours, a bowl on the table, a stool nearby, an ara standing in the corner of the room.

If these people had any religion, and presumably they did, it does not manifest itself in their art, which was entirely free of superstition. Perhaps they worshipped an invisible creator, or a god in their own human image.

There comes a later school of painting, dating back more than 3,000 years, with frescoes of horse-drawn chariots driven, it is believed, by invaders from Crete who overran the Sahara. Last of all, there are crude engravings of camels, the handiwork of the nomad tribes, half-Moslem, half-pagan, who have lingered on in the Sahara ever since it turned into a desert 2,000 years ago.

Scientists have hardly started yet to read "the writing on the wall" of the Sahara. They may conceivably decipher some of the forgotten secrets of the growth of civilization.

Meanwhile, the French have taken fresh heart in their struggle to transform the Sahara from a barrier into a link between their territories in the Moghreb and Black Africa. It is intended not only that the oil from the desert shall flow south as well as north, but that the desert shall in large part be fertilized. With the proper use of available power, including solar energy, it is hoped that the vanished waters of the Sahara — the rivers from the Atlas mountains which for some reason went underground, forming an immense subterranean lake the size of France — may be pumped back to the surface again, and that large tracts of wilderness may be made fruitful once more as they were in bygone millennia.

MUSICAL DIARY

The Kol Yisrael Orchestra
Georg Singer, conductor; Frances De Bossi, Mezzo-soprano (Y.M.C.A., Jerusalem, January 7). E. Bloch: Concerto Grosso for Strings with piano obbligato; E.W. Sternberg: Song Cycle "Tales of the Wind"; Schubert: Symphony No. 3 in D.

GEORG Singer's last concert this season with the Kol Yisrael Orchestra started off with a vivacious and intensely satisfying performance of Bloch's Concerto Grosso, which is one of his most popular compositions in our programmes.

Erich Walter Sternberg is one of those people who remain so true to their style that even the choice of subject does not deflect them from the language they learned in faraway countries and periods. It happened with his other works, like his music to *Amcha*, and his orchestra composition "The Twelve Tribes of Israel," and his Song Cycles after lyrics by Heinrich Heine and Else Lasker-Schuster; and so it was again with this cycle, "Tales of the Wind," based on lyrics by Elisheva. Though its sentiments are sincerely perceived and though it bears witness to an uncompromising personality, this score is too anchored in the past to rouse much interest.

Frances De Bossi was a most sympathetic interpreter. Her warm, mellow and perfectly controlled mezzo-soprano represents one of the best voices in the country. Her rich and well modulated voice should be heard more often in these programmes.

Mr. Singer should have chosen some other work for the second part than the Third Symphony by Schubert. Since this early work of the master is still full of immaturities, only a perfect performance can satisfy, and the orchestra was not able to give it. The remaining time was filled in (presumably to meet the broadcast schedule) by ballet music from "Rosamunde," which left the listener even more dissatisfied. The conductor deserved a better finale for his term.

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Parliamentary Report
By Lea Ben Dor

TIME FOR SILENCE

ALL but ten members of the Knesset were present on Tuesday to see the five-party government back into office, and party politics apart, nobody was sorry to see the crisis ended. This applies even to the General Zionists, who had no illusions that early elections would do them any good and who admit privately that they would prefer to wait until we are well into the economic crisis which they prophesy for this time next year.

Everybody was uncomfortably aware that the heart of the matter this time lay in security. In its modern application this word has two meanings — on the one hand the means for defence, and on the other the silencing and blue-pencilling of information likely to jeopardize defence. Thus a debate about security affairs tends to be conducted in hints and accusations that can neither be proved nor disproved, and becomes a most frustrating proceeding for all concerned, except of course those whose only chance of successful fishing is in troubled waters.

Mr. Ben-Gurion was impatient at still being muzzled and unable to make his contentions against Ahdut Ha'avoda ring loud and clear in the ears of that party's supporters. "Nothing is more sacred to me than the security of Israel," he burst out furiously in reply to criticism of the outgoing government by an Orthodox speaker. To the religious benches this is a staggering and impious statement and ultimate proof that the State of Israel is not the restoration of Zion of which the generations in the Diaspora dreamt, but to the Prime Minister national survival in the face of threatened annihilation is as important a precept of the nation as any other. Ahdut Ha'avoda speakers set out to prove that no significant information had been contained in the much-debated leading article in "Lamerhav" four weeks ago (whatever further revelations that might have sparked off in the same day's afternoon press) and that it was only the Prime Minister himself who had given anything away in his reply; this has become a hopeless tangle that cannot be straightened out without further indiscretions, while silence on the subject can be interpreted as anyone wishes. Mr. Ben-Gurion would not go beyond repeating "there has been sabotage," and Mr. Bar Yehuda, the Ahdut Ha'avoda Minister, hurried up to the platform after helping to vote Mr. Ben-Gurion back to office to make an impassioned declaration that his party would continue to deny this dastardly suggestion as long as it continued to be made. He trailed off into a demand that in future, as in the past, there should be no means of ejecting a cabinet minister from office except by the resignation of the Prime Minister, but he was cut short by the Speaker on the grounds that this was not a "personal statement" in the sense of those permitted after votes.

'Let Him Speak'

Dr. Sneh, the Communist heckler *par excellence*, said, "Let him speak. Let him speak. Perhaps we'll have a new crisis."

Mr. Bar Yehuda had the last word, and to make doubly sure of it his party published another statement immediately after the session was over. If the Prime Minister resists the natural temptation to add further last words of his own, the crisis will remain in abeyance. The truth is that both sides have swallowed a good measure of insults and made sacrifices of prestige in order to restore the government and perhaps all concerned will be more careful to avoid open conflict in future. Mr. Ben-Gurion has certainly served notice that he will not be trifled with in matters concerning defence.

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THE debate was opened by Mr. Begin of Herut, who introduced some Stanislavsky mannerism reminiscent of the worst excesses of Habimah pathos. But you cannot ride the German horse to victory. Herut adherents wish to hear of the glory and strength of Israel, and of how we could chew up all the Arab states in a week if we merely so desired. Talk of the destruction of the Jews of Europe by the Nazi moloch and of the need to remember, almost to cherish, this period of fatal weakness, may make his audience uncomfortable, but it cannot inspire them to abandon other parties and clamour not to buy equipment to guard against the enemies of today. If that can be done at all, it can be done only by means of the arguments put forward by Mapam — rather halfheartedly, to be sure — that what we need is friendship with the Soviet bloc, and then the threat to our security would be diminished or wiped out. Yet he is never quite without a pertinent phrase. What would happen, he asked, if the people believed all the bitter things the three labour parties had publicly said about each other while the crisis was on, "as well as the things that the Progressives thought?"

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THE other speakers did not have much to contribute that was new. Mr. Yigal Alon, the Ahdut Ha'avoda leader, by the moderation of his speech confirmed the general view that he had been opposed to the dogmatic and unconciliatory attitude of other members of his party in bringing about the crisis. This undoubtedly made a valuable contribution to the cementing of the coalition, but his opening statement should surely go down in history as the apotheosis of understatement. "The last three weeks were not the best days of the Coalition," he began his speech. "The week of Sinai was better...". It is remarkable what a couple of years in England can do to the naturally dramatic instincts of an Israeli. The truest word was probably spoken by Mr. Hazan, for Mapam, despite his hectoring tone. There was a future for the coalition only in genuine cooperation and agreement. No voting regulations in the world could replace these.

WITH all the stir over national security, the security of the Knesset itself, which was so much to the fore a few short months ago, seems to have been entirely forgotten. At the end of November the Knesset presidium adopted a number of recommendations for the improvement of security in the Knesset, following the previous month's tossing of a hand-grenade from the public gallery, which injured one minister so seriously that he is still not fully recovered, and kept both the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister in hospital for more than a week. The basic recommendation was that a Knesset Security Officer should be appointed to take over and expand the security duties of the Serjeant-at Arms, who has in the past also performed a wide range of other duties, mainly in connection with visitors and protocol arrangements. No Security Officer has yet been appointed and it is not even clear whether it will be possible to find a man to undertake these arduous duties in a vacuum, quite separately from the existing security organizations, as the presidium recommended. The only change made that is apparent to the eye is that visitors are now admitted only to the first two rows in the gallery, where there are seats. In the back rows visitors had to stand if they wished to see anything, though chairs were provided for them in case they became tired and were reconciled to listening only. Visitors must now have a personal recommendation to be admitted, and last Tuesday the directors-general of two ministries found that they were unable to get a seat for the vote of confidence debate. Apart from that some additional ushers have also been taken on. Other proposals will, however, have to await the appointment of the security officer including that for a new annexe to the main building in which visitors can be screened and admitted directly to the Knesset. At present tickets are issued in the hut on the other side of the street, and the recipients must cross a public thoroughfare where they might, conceivably, hand their tickets over to an ardent anarchist.

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